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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 1343

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDIP CVIS LA US UR  
SUBJECT: LAO UNGA DELEGATION POSTPONES DEPARTURE

REF: A STATE 228172 NOTAL, B VIENTIANE 1340 NOTAL,  
C VIENTIANE 1336 NOTAL, D VIENTIANE 1331 NOTAL,  
E VIENTIANE 1314 NOTAL

1. EARLY MORNING SEPTEMBER 23 WE RECEIVED STATE 228172,  
ISSUED VISAS FOR KHAMPHAY RASMY AND OTHER REMAINING  
MEMBERS LPDR DELEGATION TO UNGA. WE DELIVERED PASS-  
PORTS WITH VISAS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY BEFORE 0900.

2. AT ABOUT 1500 A PERSON IDENTIFYING HIMSELF ONLY AS  
FROM THE MINISTRY'S CONSULAR SECTION TELEPHONED THE  
EMBASSY WITH THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE: "THE UN DELEGATION  
CANNOT LEAVE TOMORROW (SEPTEMBER 24) BECAUSE THE  
VISAS ARRIVED FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TOO LATE. AS  
A RESULT, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO GET THE TRANSIT VISAS  
FROM THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY OR TO MAKE THE AIRPLANE  
RESERVATIONS IN TIME. THE DELEGATION WILL GO BUT THE  
TIMING IS NOT KNOWN."

3. EMBOFF SAW CHIEF OF CONSULAR SECTION KHOUN CHANDENG  
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AT MINISTRY AT 1600. EMBOFF CITED TELEPHONE MESSAGE  
AND ASKED TO BE INFORMED OF DELEGATION'S REVISED TRAVEL  
PLANS SO WE COULD ALERT AUTHORITIES IN NEW YORK TO NEW  
ARRIVAL TIME.

4. KHOUN NOTED THAT DELEGATION'S PASSPORTS (WITH VISAS)  
WERE RETURNED TO MINISTRY THAT MORNING AND THAT WHEN

MINISTRY APPROACHED SOVIET EMBASSY FOR TRANSIT VISAS IT WAS TOLD ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF DELEGATION MEMBERS WERE REQUIRED AND THERE HAD NOT BEEN TIME TO GET THESE PHOTOGRAPHS. KHOUN, WHO, UNLIKE THE TELEPHONE CALLER, WAS CALM AND POLITE, SAID MINISTRY WOULD TELEPHONE THE EMBASSY AS SOON AS DELEGATION'S DEPARTURE TIME FROM VIENTIANE AND ARRIVAL TIME NEW YORK WERE KNOWN.

5. COMMENT: SO FAR AS WE KNOW LAO HAVE MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENT ABOUT DELEGATION'S DELAYED DEPARTURE. IT IS POSSIBLE, THOUGH HIGHLY UNLIKELY, THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH SOVIET VISA REQUIREMENTS AND UNABLE CONFIRM AEROFLOT RESERVATIONS WITHOUT US VISAS IN HAND. IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT LPDR HAS DECIDED TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF OUR SLOWNESS IN ISSUING KHAMPHAY'S VISA.  
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